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AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed October 10, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.



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SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.P.E.P. §713.04

Sir:

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §713.04, applicant submits the following:

(A) A Brief Description of Exhibit

Document entitled "Agenda for Telephone Interview with Examiner".

(B) Identification of Claims

Claim 1 was discussed.

(C) Identification of Prior Art

Lavin et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,772,585 and Kraftson et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,151,581.

(D) Identification of Proposed Substantive Amendments

Amendments to clarify the claims contained in the attached Request for Continued

Examination (RCE) were discussed.

(E) Brief Identification of Principal Arguments

See the attached RCE.

(F) Indication of Other Pertinent Matters

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None

(G) Outcome of the Interview

Applicant to submit further arguments/amendments.

(H) A Paper Copy of the Interview Via Internet E-mail Must be on File With the Patent Application File

Not applicable.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

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